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A close-up photograph of a soldier in a desert environment, wearing a camouflage helmet and uniform. The soldier is holding an M4-style carbine rifle, aiming it towards the right. A spent bullet casing is visible in the air above the rifle's barrel. The background is a hazy, arid landscape.

Once a year range officers sit down and discuss what they can do as far as improving marksmanship in the Marine Corps. Reflecting directly upon actions in Iraq, the course of fire is constantly evolving to ensure the Marines get the right training for what they are going to

A Marine takes a shot on the 25-yard line during the Table-2 course of fire at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. *Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

A young man in a military uniform, including a camouflage cap and shirt, is carrying a large, heavy metal chair frame on his shoulder. He is looking off to the side with a serious expression. The background shows a blurred outdoor setting with palm trees and a building.

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The depot Single Marine Program attended the finale of “The Contender,” ESPN’s boxing reality show. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron

SMP visits The Contender championship

BY LANCE CPL. ALICIA SMALL
Chevron staff

After 10 rounds of hard punches Grady “Bad Boy” Brewer defeated Steve “2-pound” Forbes with a split-decision during “The Contender” championship boxing match Sept. 26.

Marines from the depot’s Single Marine Program attended the event held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, Calif., as one of the many activities afforded to them by the program.

The eight Marines who went to see “The Contender’s” live finale also got the chance to meet a couple of celebrities.

Sugar Ray Leonard, a boxing legend, was present and took photographs with several of the Marines and others in attendance.

Actor Danny Trejo from the movies

“Anchorman” and “The Devil’s Rejects,” was at the show as well. He also talked with his Marine fans and posed for photographs.

The SMP provides the Marines aboard the depot with many great opportunities to have fun and contribute to the community at the same time.

“The two main aspects of SMP are recreation and community service,” said Kelly Sitar, SMP director. “The Single Marine Program is in place to help Marines find ways to have fun, stay out of trouble and meet new people.”

SMP Marines recently volunteered at the Special Olympics which were held Sept. 30, where they served food, helped ready participants for their events and cheered them on.

The program offers big benefits such as “The Contender” event and some smaller

ones as well. Each month Sitar hands out 25 free movie passes and gift certificates for local businesses to volunteers who participate in the SMP’s community service.

Along with having something interesting planned for special holidays, like the upcoming trips to Knott’s Scary Farm or Las Vegas for Halloween, SMP has a big trip scheduled for the Marines every year. This year, there was discussion among the SMP members about changing the trip from the traditional Hawaii vacation to a cruise.

Sitar and the SMP members hope to attract more attention and get more people to participate in the planned events.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. at the depot library and is open to all single military members aboard the depot.

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encounter, said Young.

“The concept of (combat marksmanship) is to teach Marines that they need to use the same fundamentals they learn in precision marksmanship in a combat scenario wearing combat gear,” said Young.

Combat marksmanship allows the



A Marine shoots with his feet at shoulder-width for rifle stability in the standing position. Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron

Marines to take what they already know about marksmanship and apply their skills using a different mindset with less time to react.

Other than the annual sustainment training Marines receive during their rifle qualification, there is no other regimented, organized means of preparation for combat marksmanship for most Marines.

Junior Marines are often taught this during combat in Iraq or Afghanistan by Marines who have past combat experience.

“By adding combat marksmanship as a requirement, I think Marines will pay more attention during the classes and receive better training,” said Lance Cpl. Anthony V. Rogers, admin clerk, depot Identification section and recent attendee of the new course of fire.

In the past, combat marksmanship, or field fire, was conducted solely as an introduction to the mindset of this type of firing. Field fire was often not taken as seriously as it should have been.

“I think this addition was a good idea especially in the war-time situation we are in,” said Rogers. “Being in combat, all the training you can get proves necessary.

Combat marksmanship continues to add to the Marines’ knowledge of the M16-A2 service rifle by acting as a stepping stone for tables three and four of rifle marksmanship. Field fire gives the Marines the basic tactical skills they will need during deployments.

“Tables three and four are the re-

sponsibility of the Marine s unit. Other than the infantry field, Marines are not required to attend these courses, but they are recommended to give the Marine more advanced rifle skills,” said Young.

All of the ranges in the Marine Corps are currently capable of utilizing and conducting tables one and two of rifle marksmanship, which involves Marines and recruits shooting at stationary targets up to 500 yards away, and moving targets at 100 yards away.

Marines are introduced to table three, shooting on the move and pivoting, at the School of Infantry after they attend boot camp. In the fleet Marine force, infantry Marines perform table four, involving shooting in the prone position and on one’s back for example, as a more advanced course of fire that is used mostly as an introduction to scenarios they may encounter during war.

Range officers believe Marines will be more knowledgeable and capable of acting effectively in Iraq without having to learn primarily through on-the-job training by using the new skills they find in tables two, three and four.

If all goes as planned the new scoring matrix will take affect in October 2007 creating a more difficult, yet more effective course of fire. The change will not only benefit the individuals who receive the training, but the Marines by their sides on deployments as well.

BRIEFS

NMCS D needs blood and platelets

Naval Medical Center San Diego urges active duty military, military family members, retirees and DoD government employees to make an appointment to donate blood and blood platelets in Building 2 at NMCS D. Anyone who is 18 years of age or older, at least 110 pounds, and has not received a tattoo or body piercing in the last 12 months is eligible to set an appointment and donate. Every donation counts! For more information or to schedule an appointment call the Blood Donor Center at (619) 532-7846.

MMOA monitors team visit

The Manpower Personnel Management Officer Assignments monitor team will visit the depot Oct. 23. There will be two presentations in Building 7W (8 to 9 a.m. - company grade, and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - field grade). All officers assigned to the depot are required to attend the briefings, which will include items of general interest to the officer corps including command screening, primary military education opportunities, and career development. Officers desiring to have a personal interview with counselors or monitors should submit their names to their respective unit adjutants. Interviews are restricted to officers with at least one year on station. For more information contact Minerva Edwards at (619) 524-8733.

Annual Retired Military Personnel Seminar and Resource Fair

The Annual Retired Military Personnel Seminar and Resource Fair is scheduled for Nov. 4 from 8: 30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the depot theater. It is open to all retired military personnel, their families and prospective military retirees. The event is free. If you plan to attend, RSVP by today by calling the Retired Activities Office at NAVBASE San Diego at (619) 556-8987 or the MCRD office at (619) 524-5301, or e-mail nrsrwao@navy.mil.

Voting assistance

Voting is our right and a civic responsibility. Its importance cannot be overstated. Take the time to vote in the General Elections on Nov. 7. You must be registered to vote so you can receive an absentee ballot. Unit Voting Assistance Officers can help you with registration. It’s quick and easy. Please contact your UVAO if you would like to exercise your right to vote. Here are the UVAOs located aboard the depot:

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Close order drill instills discipline, self-confidence, attention to detail

BY LANCE CPL. ALICIA SMALL
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As a platoon of recruits from Company F stood at attention, perfectly covered and aligned, I closed my eyes and pictured myself performing drill movements with sharp accuracy.

In my opinion, close order drill is an important aspect of Marine Corps recruit training because it teaches discipline and self-confidence.

I look back on the months I spent at Parris Island and reminisce on the things I learned and enjoyed as I went through basic training.

Though I enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends, drill was by far the most productive aspect of boot camp for me.

Before I got to Parris Island, it didn’t matter how hard I tried, I just couldn’t perform a single drill movement with precision. I was clumsy and had two left feet when it came to marching, and I didn’t understand how to stand tall and lean back while I walked.

My first taste of drill came while I was in the Female Readiness Platoon. I had been dropped from training due to an injury during the initial strength test. While in the FRP, I came in contact with several drill instructors who had a love for drill and enjoyed teaching me and the other recruits how to execute sharp, crisp movements.

I was in the FRP for more than a month before I actually got to start training, so I got a small head start on learning how to step off with my left foot and follow with my right.

Things came slow to me because I didn’t grasp the concept of not being able to wiggle a finger or scratch the bites I received from the many sand fleas that swarmed around us sweaty recruits.

When I finally got to a training company, I still wasn’t great, but my drill instructors made it their mission to change that.

It became imperative for me to perform the movements correctly. If I messed up, and I did plenty of times, my drill instructors didn’t hesitate to pull me out of formation and teach me discipline in front of the others.

Eventually, I started performing better in drill because I enjoyed it. Drill became the part of the day I looked forward to the most, other than chow, mail call and lights out of course.

I challenged myself to do my best at everything my drill instructors taught me. During final drill competition, I could see how much the other recruits and I had improved.

We stood taller and marched with confidence.

All the drill practice paid off when it came time for the Emblem Ceremony and graduation. It was our time to show our parents, family members and friends who supported us throughout training how much we had learned over 13 weeks of challenging boot camp.

That day we stood taller and performed better than ever before, as I’m sure the Co. F Marines will do today.

Graduating boot camp was a challenging task to accomplish, but I made it. The discipline and self-confidence I learned from drill helped me accomplish my goals in recruit training, and continue to aid in my success in the Marine Corps and in my life.

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ON THE RANGE

Rifle range qualification leaves some Marines with bragging rights, others with new shopping lists

BY LANCE CPL. ROBERT BEAVER
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I graduated from boot camp in April of last year with Company F. I was one of the several Marines who qualified expert on the rifle range.

Throughout Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and at my military occupational specialty school, the Marines who qualified expert would sometimes team up together and tease the Marines who didn’t do as well during their rifle qualification.

I am guilty of this. I didn’t get a high expert score in boot camp, but it was high enough for me to tease my fellow Marines.

Honestly, shooting expert was the only thing I could brag about.

The marksman badge is the lowest level of qualification and it is commonly referred to by Marines as a “pizza box,” since it is square-shaped, has a bulls-eye centered on it and looks like a pizza box.

“May I have a piece,” or, “Where’s the pizza party?” we would say to Marines who qualified marksman.

The next level of qualification is sharpshooter. The badge looks like an iron cross with a Marine Corps emblem centered on it. Marines who qualified sharpshooter tended to also team up with the experts and tease the marksmen.

Although I thought the sharpshooter badge was the best looking out of all three badges, it didn’t stop me from aggravating Marines who qualified as sharpshooters.

Finally, there is the expert qualification. The expert badge has two crossed rifles with two olive branches behind them.

I always seemed to make it known that I was an expert, but the teasing of other Marines came back to bite me, as well as some other Marines when we were recently on the range.

During firing week, Marines get two days to sight their weapon. Being as stubborn as I am, I thought to myself, “I’m a rifle expert. I can sight my weapon without any help from the range coaches.” I was wrong.

For some unknown reason, I had lost the positive mindset that my training noncommissioned officer told me to have when firing. Then I began making sight adjustments in the wrong direction.

I had made fun of some Marines for making this same mistake only a few days prior.

At the end of each day, other Marines, as well as myself, claimed that the Marines who were pulling targets for us were doing lousy jobs.

This seemed to be the problem for all of us.

The day prior to qualification, I scored the maximum points on the 300-yard rapid fire by hitting all bulls-eyes. But during qualification, it was a different story. I hit significantly less bulls-eyes and I had a complete miss on the target.

I blamed the Marines who were pulling the target for me.

I even blamed the jam my weapon had during the 200-yard slow fire for my lower score.

“I’m an expert. I don’t need help clearing this jam,” I said to myself. After five minutes of unsuccessfully attempting it, a range coach helped me.

At the time, I couldn’t accept the fact that not cleaning my weapon the day before was most likely the reason for my jam.

As I recall my experience, it seemed like I have an excuse for everything for why I didn’t shoot my best. I was blaming everything but myself for my failure to achieve the goals I set.

The problem was me. I couldn’t stand the fact that I fell short of my goal.

As Marines, we are a prideful group. For me, my pride evolved into arrogance. As the old saying goes, “Whoever distinguishes himself above others will be humbled.”

I guess my days of teasing fellow Marines about their rifle scores have come to an end. I hope the new Marines from Co. F hear these words and learn something from them. But for now, I’m off to purchase a new sharpshooter badge.



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Before the tug-of-war started, Marines had to lay face-down with their feet against the rope and do a push-up before beginning the event. *Ptc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



Members of Headquarters Co. struggle as Sevice Co. drags them to defeat during a tug-of-war. *Ptc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



A Marine tests her vertical limits as she jumps on an oversized push ball during the Headquarters and Service Battalion field meet. *Lance Cpl. Alicia Small/Chevron*



In a scramble for the ball, three Marines collide while playing soccer at the H&S Bn. field meet. *Lance Cpl. Alicia Small/Chevron*



Overpowering Service Co. shoves the ball across Headquarters Co.'s goal line during a game of Push Ball. *Lance Cpl. Alicia Small/Chevron*

Service Co. earns bragging rights, beats Headquarters Co. in battalion field meet

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

Staring straight forward with his fists clenched, Lance Cpl. Robert C. Padilla, Headquarters Company, bounded toward the massive six-foot novelty ball during the battalion field met Sept. 29, only to be deflected like a rock on a windshield.

Headquarters & Service Companies came together for a team-building H&S Battalion field meet at the depot boat house, which included volleyball, basketball, tug-of-war and push ball.

Headquarters Co. managed to win the basketball competition, but lost the volleyball competition after a few close matches.

Service Co. out-pulled Headquarters Co. in the tug-of-war event and overran them in the push ball competition, taking

home bragging rights.

The four competitions at the field meet helped build more camaraderie within the battalion and were a welcomed physical exercise.

It came as a chance to visit with fellow Marines around the depot and get together for laughs and fun without worrying about wins or losses, said Padilla, awards clerk.

Both companies battled hard throughout the afternoon in every game played.

"I thought it was very motivating to get out there and break the monotony of work with a fun event like that," said Gunnery Sgt. Traycie A. Loving, logistics administration chief.

After all the sore muscles were put to rest, and Marines' pride scraped and bruised, the day dwindled over a complimentary lunch and a chuckle over the games.



A member of Service Co. tries to block a shot by Headquarters Co. in the field meet basketball game, which was the only Headquarters victory of the day. *Lance Cpl. Alicia Small/Chevron*

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

Cartoony recruit turns down Disney job to serve in Corps

BY LANCE CPL. ALICIA SMALL
Chevron staff

Leaving behind the world of cartoon art and an opportunity of a lifetime to work at Disney/Pixar, Inc., one man chose to pick up an M16-A2 service rifle and train to become one of the few and the proud.

Pfc. Nathaniel W. Griggs, Platoon 2017, graduated from Marine Corps recruit training today to make his dream of becoming a Marine come true.

When Griggs was in the delayed entry program in his hometown of Moline, Ill., he entered a piece of art, created with ink pen and colored pencil, into a contest and won second place.

His artwork drew Disney/Pixar's attention and they offered him an apprenticeship as a cartoonist with their company. Although he was excited about the offer, Griggs decided to turn it down and stick with his decision to join the Marine Corps as a reservist-while he furthers his education in art.

Griggs' family fully supported his decision to stick with the Marine Corps instead of taking the job offer with Disney.

He said his parents had always encouraged him to do whatever it was that made him happy. He wasn't sure a career drawing cartoons would provide him with what he wanted in life.



Pfc. Nathaniel W. Griggs works on a sketch in the recruit barracks. Lance Cpl. Alicia Small/Chevron

Lisa Richards

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Lisa Richards originated the corporate picnic catering industry in San Diego County, and has developed it into one of the largest special event and off-premise catering operations in San Diego. She is nationally recognized as operating one of the five largest corporate picnic companies in the United States.

The corporation, Hospitality Inc., has been in business for more than 22 years. It is one of the most diverse catering and special event companies in the nation. The many divisions under the Hospitality Inc. umbrella are Picnic People, Festivities Catering and Special Events, Festivities Express, The Village Grill at Balboa Park, and The Time Out Café at the San Diego Hall of Champions. In 2006, Hospitality Inc.

When his recruiter asked him what he hoped to gain from the Marine Corps and life in general, Griggs said the most important things to him were education, professional development and challenge.

"Griggs knew what he wanted and showed a lot of contentment with his decision," said Sgt. Clemente J. Batista, Griggs' recruiter, from Recruiting Substation Quad Cities, Recruiting Station Des Moines, Iowa.

Griggs realized how much value the Marine Corps could hold for him and knew he could go to college anytime, but he wouldn't always have the chance to be a Marine, said Batista.

As a child doing projects in school, Griggs discovered his love of art. He polished up on his talent during high school art classes and started drawing on his own with encouragement from his father.

He said he tried to have either a camera or sketch pad on him at all times, so when he saw a subject he was interested in capturing, he could stop to do a sketch right away, or he could take a picture and draw the scene later. As he developed his drawing skills, he learned how to better express himself and become more creative with his artistic talent.

Throughout the last year and a half, before leaving for boot camp, he said he made a gradual turn from drawing mostly cartoons to composing more realistic compositions.

He became interested in artwork modeled after the armed forces, like the one he entered in the contest. Griggs said he believed being in the Marine Corps would provide him with a solid foundation to better express his thoughts of the noble aspects of military service.

Throughout training, Griggs continued to draw during his free time. He did sketches for the other recruits in the platoonand designed various items for the drill instructors as well.

Showing his creativity, Griggs also helped paint the range flag, which is a flag platoons carry for motivation during the rifle range. Platoon 2017's flag



Pfc. Nathaniel W. Griggs, Platoon 2017, Company F, made the above art with colored pencils and an ink pen. This piece brought him attention from Disney.

brandished a fox holding a standard issue service rifle, targets and the senior drill instructor's name.

During second phase, Griggs' senior drill instructor, Staff Sgt. Abraham C. Bueno, discovered Griggs' talent and was curious why he didn't let anybody know of his gift sooner.

"The main trait Griggs displayed was esprit de corps," said Bueno.

"I believe his love of conveying the Marine Corps and its history through art helped him maintain a positive at-

titude throughout training." Griggs said he believes the values and traits instilled by the Marine Corps, such as discipline and integrity, will help him with his art and aid him in his ongoing search for self-improvement.

"I think joining the Marine Corps was the best thing I could have done because it supplies me with the best way to find out the full potential of what I have to offer myself and others around me," said Griggs.

American Heart Association Legacy Luncheon promoting women's heart health, as well as a member of the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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Mrs. Richards currently serves as the president of the board and chair of Fleet Week San Diego 2006.



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Lance Cpl. Kevin Dorris, Headquarters and Service Battalion, spikes the ball over the net as Petty Officer 2nd Class Karl Nieto, Coast Guard, defends his team's turf. Lance Cpl. Alicia Small/Chevron photos

RTR wins sand volleyball tourney, inches closer to first place

BY LANCE CPL. ALICIA SMALL
Chevron staff

Marines and Coast Guardsmen aboard the depot competed in the Commanding General's Cup Sand Volleyball Tournament Sept. 26, at the boathouse, and Recruit Training Regiment's Support Battalion walked away victorious.

The 10 teams participating were separated into two groups of five, playing on two different courts. The scoring system was rally scoring—the team who won the best of three games moved up the bracket with the championship in sight.

As the players pressed on, the competition intensified and the scores in the games grew closer. Coast Guard team Taclet 1 went up against RTR 2 and came away with a third-place finish in the playoffs.

After playing a hard-fought final game, RTR 4 beat Headquarters and Service Battalion to earn the championship and a trophy to show for their efforts.

Many of the players agreed that the CG's Cup sports contests provide those

aboard the depot with a fun way to be competitive and have a good time with friends.

"I believe CG's Cup sports are great because it helps build morale and camaraderie between all people stationed at MCRD," said Cpl. Herllien A. Torres, H&S Bn. "It furnished me with an opportunity to be positive and support my fellow Marines."

Battling for the CG's Cup is also important because it promotes a challenge valuable to Marines all across the globe – maintaining the best physical fitness possible.

"Staying in shape is a key part to being a Marine," said Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Dorris, H&S Bn. "If all we do is run every day, we often lose the motivation to stay in shape. Overall, I think competing in sports tournaments like volleyball is just more fun."

With H&S Bn. leading the way with a respectable 20 points over RTR, the next CG's Cup event is the bowling league, which began Wednesday and will last for six weeks. Following that, there are only three more events before the final field meet, which is the grand finale of this year's CG's Cup season.



Cpl. Zachary D. Stevens, H&S Bn., drills the ball into the net on a failed spike attempt.